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CITY NOTES

RECREATIONAL TONIGHT—All members of J. T. Watkins' club are requested at rehearsal this evening at 8 o'clock prompt.

D. L. & W. PAYS—The Lackawanna company finds, paying the car and machine shop employees yesterday, and will pay today at the Diamond and Stearns mines.

COUNTY EXAMINATIONS—Examinations for teachers' certificates are now being conducted by County Superintendent of schools, E. C. Taylor. Yesterday he was at Olyphant, today he will be at Dalton, and Saturday at Moscow.

INSPECTOR HAD BUSY NIGHT—Major W. S. Miller had a busy time with his inspections last night. Company B, led by Captain Kamback, was put through a thorough drill and the field officers, staff and band were also inspected.

PAPER ON CUBAN MISSIONS—At a ladies' missionary meeting of the Baptist church, held at the residence of Mrs. Charles Henwood, of Main avenue, Wednesday, the other evening, Miss Elizabeth Howell read a paper on Cuban Missions.

ADJUDGED BANKRUPT—Samuel Hallin, of Harrisburg, was yesterday adjudged a bankrupt in the new district federal court, and his case referred to the Hon. Michael Jacobs, referee in bankruptcy, at Harrisburg. It was a voluntary petition.

STRUCK BY IRON—Joseph Walsh, of Monroka, was struck by a flying piece of iron in the side of the head at the South Steel mill yesterday and badly injured. He was removed to the Moses Taylor hospital, where he was pronounced to be in a serious condition early this morning.

FALSE ALARM—The alarm of the siren from box 24, at the Municipal building at 1:15 o'clock this morning brought out all the local companies, but they found not even the suspicion of a blaze. It was another false alarm, and the most diligent search could not discover the offender.

FIRE HOUSES INSPECTED—Director of Public Safety E. E. Worman, accompanied by Chief Engineer Ziehlmann, of the fire department, yesterday inspected the quarters of the General Phinney, Liberty, Niagara and Excelsior companies in Green Ridge and North Scranton with the view of deciding just what furnishings to purchase for the city's use.

COLLIDED WITH POLE—Car No. 201, on the Green Ridge Suburban line, met with an accident about 10:30 o'clock last night, when it collided with a telegraph pole near the terminal of the line in Green Ridge. The platform and entire end of the car were totally smashed. No one was in it at the time, and the company headquarters being notified the wreck car was sent out and returned after 10 o'clock with the wreck.

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TAKES POSSESSION JULY 1.

Controller Jones Had a Conference with Commissioners Yesterday.

Edward E. Jones' appointment by Governor Stone as controller of Lackawanna county has been confirmed by the senate, and Mr. Jones will take possession of his office on July 1. He had a consultation with the county commissioners yesterday and they decided to convert the arbitration room into a law office. A counter, surmounted by iron grill work will be built across the room inside the door, and within the enclosure a private office for Mr. Jones and a vault will be constructed.

The controller will have many and important duties to perform, and it is believed that a chief clerk and two assistants will be necessary to perform the work of the office. The chief clerk will be former County Auditor John Morris, and one of the assistants will probably be C. P. Savage, of Dunmore.

John P. Mahon now performs for the county commissioners a kind of work which, after July 1, will be performed by the controller's office, and there is a possibility that he may be transferred to the new office. Mr. Mahon has charge of bills of witnesses in court, and his office is a great money saver for the county. All witnesses are compelled to register with him while in attendance at court, and thus an accurate record of their time is kept, with the result that the bills for costs the county is compelled to pay are greatly reduced.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Plans for the Aquatic Gardens Approved—Plans for an Extensive Menagerie Completed.

Landscape Gardener Edgerton, of Philadelphia, who is under contract to prepare plans for and supervise the work of improving Nay Aug park, was in this city yesterday with the plans for the aquatic gardens and for the animal houses, and grounds surrounding them.

The plans for the aquatic gardens were approved by Director of Public Works Roche, after a careful examination. The pond which is at present located at the left of the main entrance to the park, is to be enlarged by about one-third of its present size. A high wall is to be constructed around the edge, and outside this a walk will be laid out. There will be beds of water flowers arranged in the corners and in the center of the pond, which will be supplied with water from the Scranton Gas and Water company's plant.

These plans also include arrangements for the improvement of the grounds surrounding the pond and for the erection of a vine-covered arbor about fifty feet square to the west of it. The specifications will be immediately prepared by Mr. Edgerton, and as soon as this is done bills will be asked for so that the work can be begun at once. Director Roche yesterday estimated the cost of this improvement at about \$2,500.

The plans for the menagerie have not yet been approved, but they probably will be today, after Director Roche has suggested a few changes. The plans provide for a deer paddock 200 feet long by 125 feet wide, with a deer house 20x16 feet in size.

Beyond the deer paddock an animal house, 90 feet long by 30 feet wide, will be constructed. There will be ten cages for the animals on one side of this, while on the other will be a reptile house and an aviary for birds. In the grounds surrounding the animal house, provision is made for an open air aviary, and for a pool for water fowl.

It has not yet been decided whether work on the menagerie will be commenced this year or not, but Director Roche said yesterday that it was very likely that it would.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

Men Charged with Postoffice Burglaries Had Hearing.

Harry Hayne and the three other men arrested last week in Bradford county by Deputy United States Marshal J. W. Snyder, on the charge of burglarizing the postoffices at New Albany and Factoryville, were yesterday given a hearing by Commissioner Mix, of Towanda, and were held for the grand jury, which meets June 19, at Williamsport.

The men have been lodged in the Wilkes-Barre jail, and Inspector Gorman and Deputy Marshal Snyder were lauded yesterday serving subpoenas on witnesses in the case. The prisoners are considered four of the most daring and audacious postoffice burglars in the country. Shortly before they were arrested they had terrorized a saloonkeeper and shot to pieces all the furnishings of his place.

LOCAL KNIGHTS HONORED.

Anthracite Commandery Asked to Send Team to Binghamton.

Past Commander W. S. Bartlett, of Anthracite commandery, No. 211, Knights of Malta, yesterday received a letter from the Organizer of W. Smith, of New York, asking him to bring the degree team from the local commandery to Binghamton, during the near future, and there assist at the organization of a new commandery.

Organizer Smith will be in this city next Tuesday night. It is a distinct honor which is being conferred upon Anthracite commandery, and the New Yorkers, in going to Pennsylvania for their degree, will pay tribute to the reputation which the local Maltese have.

INJURIES PROVED FATAL.

Thomas Halfpenny Died Yesterday at Lackawanna Hospital.

Thomas Halfpenny, of Florence street, North Scranton, died yesterday afternoon at the Lackawanna hospital of the injuries received Monday at the Pancoast colliery, Throop, where he was caught between two mine cars and squeezed with great force. Information set in some time after the accident occurred.

Halfpenny was 19 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Halfpenny. It is only a short time ago that his brother, Frederick, was struck by a trip of cars at the same colliery and killed.

The popular Punch cigar is still the leader of the list cigars. Ask for Kelly's union crackers.

BORN. June 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Lacy S. Richard, a daughter.

BILLIOTT IS ON THE STAND

TELLS THE STORY ON WHICH HIS LIFE DEPENDS.

Claims He Was Not at the Wedding When the Fight Took Place, Explains How His Knife Was Left Behind at the Sereano House, and Gives Instances to Account for Herbert Having Confounded Him with Frank Tolerego—Dr. Longstreet's Strong Statements.

The defense in the Billiott murder case was entered upon yesterday afternoon, and as thus far developed, follows exactly the outline given in yesterday's Tribune. As Mr. Martin put it in his opening address, the commonwealth has arrested the wrong man and at all events, whoever did the stabbing, did not kill Herbert, the death being due to the improper surgical treatment the wounded man received.

The commonwealth's case was materially strengthened by eight witnesses examined yesterday morning. The first of these witnesses was Henry Herbert, father of the deceased. He told of his wounded son coming home alone, after the stabbing; the immediate summoning of Dr. Day to attend him and the efforts of the physicians to save him. He also gave a description of his son's physique, and told of his being strong, active and healthy.

Alderman S. S. Jones, the next witness, testified to taking Herbert's dying declaration. The statement was taken on Wednesday night at the hospital, after Dr. Wheeler had told Herbert he was in imminent danger of death. It reads as follows:

HERBERT'S STATEMENT.

"I am suffering from a stab wound inflicted by an Italian whom I know very well by sight, but do not know his name. I realize that my life is in danger and that the wound is likely to prove fatal, and for these reasons I make this statement on oath.

"On Sunday evening last, Oct. 7, 1900, while standing on the railroad crossing on Dundaff street, on the corner of Dundaff and Taylor streets, I saw a man, who I think was named Tolerego, and who was standing with me, talking to James Birmingham and his little boy, who came along, and he stopped to talk to John Jones, but there was no disturbance. Then Tom Sereano came out and quarreled with Martin Healy's boy, using profane language and threatening him. Scott came up and told Sereano to leave the boy alone. Then Sereano turns on Scott and tells him: 'He'll kill you, too,' and at the same time makes a crack at Scott and Scott hits him twice. Golden then takes Scott by the neck and tells him to go away, but as I did, I did not strike a blow. I just pulled him away, and he would know how I saw him. He was in his shirt-sleeves, a thin and white shirt, bare-headed, no vest.

"I would recognize him, for I know him quite well. I did not personally acquaint with him, but do not know his name. After I was stabbed, I did not see him again. I backed through the crowd and that was the last I saw of my assailant. He went and walked towards my home, 153 Dundaff street. I went without assistance, went in the house, staggered up stairs and my father went for the doctor.

E. W. Herbert.

The statement was taken down in shorthand by M. A. Thomas, in the presence of three witnesses.

Dr. Wheeler was called to testify that he informed Herbert, just prior to the taking of the declaration, that he could not live. Chief M. Andrew corroborated Constable Neary and the other witnesses of Herbert's identification of Billiott.

WHITE ON THE STAND.

Hal White, of Ninotch, the man who had charge of the construction gang on the Honedate branch, and for whom Billiott and Frank Tolerego worked at the same time, corroborated Constable Neary's testimony regarding the attack on the man in picking up Billiott as the man who committed the deed described by Herbert of his assailant.

On cross-examination Mr. White made the important admission that Billiott asked so much alike that he frequently mistook one for the other when their backs were turned, although he saw them separately.

MARCHING STRIKERS PUT STOP TO WORK ON NEW ROAD

Men Who Remained at Work Were Stoned—Foreman Arrested for Waving a Red Flag and Inciting to Riot—Number of Deputies Sworn In.

Between two hundred and fifty and three hundred of the laborers employed by the contractors in charge of the building of the new electric railroad, between Scranton and Pittston, went on strike Tuesday and yesterday, as the result of a refusal of their demands for higher wages.

Charles Kunde, John Davis, William McComb, Jacob Ritter and James Harrison were arrested yesterday afternoon for inciting a riot, and arranged before Alderman Myron Kasold.

Their hearing was continued to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The location affected by the strike lies between South Scranton and Moosic, and the number of men out is about one-third the entire number employed in the construction work. The company expects to have the majority of hands back to work today, as many of the men who stopped work yesterday stated that they did so under coercion.

The difficulties began Tuesday afternoon on division No. 1, which is being looked after by Contractor M. H. Hale. The men there, about 150 in number, are working at the No. 5 plains in South Scranton. The company officials claim that a few days ago they hired some of the men who were accustomed to doing a better class of work, but are now out of employment. Tuesday noon these men demanded higher wages from Foreman D. E. Nichols, asking that the daily rate be increased from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Their request was refused and, with a large number of the other men, they threw down their tools and quit work.

Yesterday morning a number of the hands reported for duty and were paid with their work when they were saluted by a shower of stones.

DUFFY'S CONSUMPTION

Pure Malt Whiskey

ately and together day in and day out for several months. James McMahon, another who witnessed the fight, testified that he saw Billiott come across the tracks, pull a knife and make a lunge at some one. He positively identified the defendant as the man he saw making the lunge. He couldn't tell whether or not Billiott had on a hat or coat.

James Coughlin also saw Billiott go towards the fighters, but did not see a knife in his possession. It was 2 o'clock when Mr. Martin opened for the defense. He spoke for nearly an hour, outlining what it was proposed to prove.

He said that the defense would show it was not the knife wound but the effects of the surgeon's neglect that killed Herbert. As to the identification of Billiott, it would be shown, he said, that another Italian worked with Billiott, and who was frequently mistaken for him, was the man who did the stabbing. It would be admitted, he said, that the knife exhibited at the trial belonged to Billiott, but it would be also shown that this knife was out of Billiott's possession at the time the stabbing occurred. It was used at the wedding at the Sereano house at 6 o'clock, he left it behind him, and did not recover it until the next day.

SURGERY WAS BAD.

Dr. S. P. Longstreet was the first witness for the defense. In answer to questions by Mr. O'Brien, he stated that in his opinion the treatment administered to Herbert was bad surgery. Instead of simply making a careful examination for punctures of the bowels and then pushing back the protruding intestines and sewing up the wound, the wound should have been enlarged, or another incision made and the intestines drawn out from the locust on the wound, and thoroughly examined.

The protruding intestines, Dr. Longstreet said, was in itself suggestive of an injury to the bowels. Good surgery would demand a thorough exploration of the abdominal cavity in every case where there is a doubt, because modern surgical methods will permit of the removal and replacement of the intestines without any serious risk to the patient.

On cross-examination, Assistant District Attorney Thomas brought out that while the wound was not necessarily fatal, there was a possibility of fatal results attending, and further that the begrimmed knife blade, itself, might have caused the infection which brought on the septic peritonitis which was the immediate cause of death.

In answer to questions by Judge Gordon as to the relative progressiveness and expertise of surgeons in the exploration of the abdominal cavity in every case where there is a doubt, Dr. Longstreet testified that it was only natural to suppose that a city doctor was more modern in his methods than one from the country, but he added, "Dr. Shields and Dr. Wheeler are as good surgeons as you will find in New York or Scranton or anywhere else."

DEPENDANT SWORN.

Billiott was next called to the stand. He gave his testimony through Interpreter Morrisini. His examination shows that his looks belie him in the matter of intelligence. His combat with Mr. Thomas on cross-examination revealed quickness of wit that brought forth several comments. Mr. Thomas had him cornered once when he told that it was 11 o'clock when Constable Neary woke him up to arrest him. He had previously testified he did not have a watch and that there was no small clock on the wall, but without a moment's wait, explained that he figured it out to be 11 o'clock from the fact that about an hour later when he was landed in the lockup he heard the clock strike twelve. It was a small circumstance, but significant of the fact that the defendant is far from being the dumb, unthinking fellow he looks.

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RESIGNATION OF RECORDER

SAYS THAT HE HAS NOT WRITTEN IT YET.

Declined to Say Whether or Not He Will Resign, but His Manner Indicated That He Had Decided Upon the Step—Says There's Lots of Excitement in the Office of Recorder. Hearing of the Municipal League Case Against Recorder Today at Harrisburg.

There is a strong probability that Recorder James Moir will resign today, if he has not in fact already resigned.

Men who are close to the recorder said yesterday that he had made up his mind to retire from office and that his resignation would reach Governor W. A. Stone today before the time used by the latter for hearing the charges preferred against him by the Municipal league. That action would make the hearing unnecessary.

It was asserted last night by persons who claimed to be in a position to know, that the recorder's resignation was prepared yesterday afternoon.

When the recorder was seen late in the afternoon by a Tribune man and asked concerning the truth of the rumor current that he had resigned, he answered:

"No, I have not resigned; I have not resigned yet," and he pronounced "yet" in a way that was significant.

Pressed to be more explicit and to say whether or not he proposed to resign, he declined to answer, saying with a smile that it was a leading question, and then he adroitly turned the conversation in the way for which the recorder is famed—and began to talk of the trials of the office.

LOTS OF EXCITEMENT.

"There's lots of excitement in this office," he said, "and I could thrive on excitement," and the recorder tugged at one of the ends of his stiffly waxed military moustache. Then came silence for a moment, as if he was running over in his mind the particularly exciting events in his career as recorder.

Then he came the head jauntily, back went the fine military shoulders and before the recorder could be harpooned with another leading question he was off on a new line of thought.

"It hardly rays, does this office," he said. "It has grave duties and grave responsibilities, and if a man attends to it as he should, and as I have tried to do, he must neglect his other business, and I have business I have always been able to make a little money at when I give it my attention."

Again the recorder relapsed into silence, the head drooping a little. "Is your resignation now on the way to the governor?" was the next question sent recorderward.

"That's pretty keen; you're a good examiner," replied the recorder, with a smile that was very indulgent, but he would not say whether or not the aforesaid resignation was on its way to the governor or had even been written.

A SURMISE.

From all of which one would be warranted in guessing that if his resignation was not written at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the recorder had made up his mind to write it.

The recorder has been in the vernacular, somewhat "rattled" since his return from Harrisburg. When he arrived in the city on Tuesday night he told a Tribune man that he had not seen Governor Stone. Yesterday he refused to tell the afternoon newspaper man whether or not he had seen the governor, saying it was a leading question.

He then proceeded to say he was not worrying in the least about his removal by the governor as demanded by some, and if it was so arranged that he should be dismissed it would be an easy matter for him to fight it out until next spring. Inasmuch as there is nothing, he said, in the Muehlbronner bill that empowers the governor to remove him, it would be a matter for the local courts to decide, and later reviewed by the Supreme court. The latter body will not meet until October, and by the time the local courts would have rendered an opinion and referred it to the Supreme court, it will be at least two months more before the Supreme court would declare upon the issue raised.

"I am in possession," he said, "until a decision is reached by the court of last resort."

TALKED WITH HARRISBURG.

After giving this interview, he had a long talk with Harrisburg over the long distance phone, and subsequently told a Tribune man that he would not contest his removal in court, but he declared that someone had got a wrong impression.

"I will not contest my removal, if it comes," said he. "I am not that kind of a man. I have been told by several good lawyers that the ripper bill does not give the governor the power to remove, that it gives him only the power to appoint and that I would have a chance to make a fight, if removed. I have not said, however, that I would make such a fight if it should come to pass that I would have the opportunity to make it."

This morning a committee, consisting of E. B. Sturges, Colonel H. M. Boies, E. L. Fuller and J. A. Lansing, will go to Harrisburg to present the case of the Municipal league against Moir to the governor. They will not be accompanied by an attorney. If the hearing is held, the recorder will be represented by City Solicitor Watron.

Free Tickets to Buffalo and Return. A return trip ticket to the Pan-American exposition is given away every Monday noon by Mr. Frank O'Hara, at his Spruce street cigar store, to the holder of the winning coupon, one of which is given with each five cent purchase.

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